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(c) Limitation on payment. Payment may be made for training sessions actually attended by the beneficiary and documented on attendance sheets.

(d) Payments made to those not paid under the physician fee schedule. Payments may be made to other entities not routinely paid under the physician fee schedule, such as hospital outpatient departments, ESRD facilities, and DME suppliers. The payment equals the amounts paid under the physician fee schedule.

(e) Other conditions for fee-for-service payment. The beneficiary must meet the following conditions:

(1) Has not previously received initial training for which Medicare payment was made under this benefit.

(2) Is not receiving services as an inpatient in a hospital, SNF, hospice, or nursing home.

(3) Is not receiving services as an outpatient in an RHC or FQHC.

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§ 414.64 Payment for medical nutrition therapy.

(a) *Payment under the physician fee schedule.* Medicare payment for medical nutrition therapy is made under the physician fee schedule in accordance with subpart B of this part. Payment to non-physician professionals, as specified in paragraph (b) of this section, is the lesser of the actual charges or 80 percent of 85 percent of the physician fee schedule amount.

(b) *To whom payment may be made.* Payment may be made to a registered dietitian or nutrition professional qualified to furnish medical nutrition therapy in accordance with part 410, subpart G of this chapter.

(c) *Effective date of payment.* Medicare pays suppliers of medical nutrition therapy on or after the effective date of enrollment of the supplier at the carrier.

(d) *Limitation on payment.* Payment is made only for documented nutritional therapy sessions actually attended by the beneficiary.

(e) *Other conditions for fee-for-service payment.* Payment is made only if the beneficiary:

(1) Is not an inpatient of a hospital, SNF, nursing home, or hospice.

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(2) Is not receiving services in an RHC, FQHC or ESRD dialysis facility.

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§ 414.65 Payment for telehealth services.

(a) *Professional service.* Medicare payment for the professional service via an interactive telecommunications system is made according to the following limitations:

(1) The Medicare payment amount for office or other outpatient visits, subsequent hospital care services (with the limitation of one telehealth visit every 3 days by the patient's admitting physician or practitioner), subsequent nursing facility care services (with the limitation of one telehealth visit every 30 days by the patient's admitting physician or nonphysician practitioner), professional consultations, psychiatric diagnostic interview examination, neurobehavioral status exam, individual psychotherapy, pharmacologic management, end-stage renal disease-related services included in the monthly capitation payment (except for one "hands on" visit per month to examine the access site), individual and group medical nutrition therapy services, individual and group kidney disease education services, individual and group diabetes self-management training services (except for one hour of "hands on" services to be furnished in the initial year training period to ensure effective injection training), individual and group health and behavior assessment and intervention, smoking cessation services, alcohol and/or substance abuse and brief intervention services, screening and behavioral counseling interventions in primary care to reduce alcohol misuse, screening for depression in adults, screening for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and high intensity behavioral counseling (HIBC) to prevent STIs, intensive behavioral therapy for cardiovascular disease, and behavioral counseling for obesity furnished via an interactive telecommunications system is equal to the current fee schedule amount applicable for the service of the physician or practitioner.

(i) *Emergency department or initial inpatient telehealth consultations.* The